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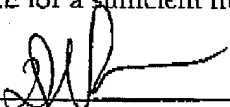
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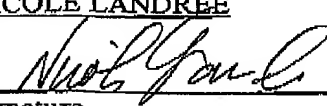
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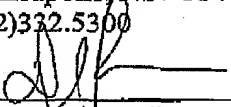
Dear Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed on August 27, 2003, filed herewith is a Declaration of Xu Guo as discussed in the Amendment. Ms. Xu confirms that she was named as an author of the Chu et al. article because she carried out certain experimental work under the supervision of one of the other authors. She confirms that she did not contribute substantively to the work reported in the article. Therefore, the Chu et al. article is not the publication of "another" relative to the present application and is not available as prior art against the present application.

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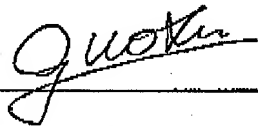
I, Xu Guo, declare and state the following:

1. I was a student of Professor Michael Siu at York University located in Toronto, Canada.
2. I carried out experiments while working in Professor Siu's laboratory, the results of which were included in Chu et al., "Sequencing of Argentinized Peptides by Means of Electrospray Tandem Mass Spectrometry", *Anal. Chem.*, 1999, 71:2364-2372. My work was carried out under the direction of Professor Siu.
3. I am listed as an author on the Chu et al. reference. This was in recognition of the experimental work that I carried out. I did not contribute substantively to the work reported in the article and do not consider myself to have been involved as an inventor.

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